



Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a lovely Summer and you are all ready for the term ahead. Year 1 is always a special year for the children as they take another step on their learning journey, making many discoveries as they go. Hopefully, we shall also have lots of fun! Working with myself and the children this year are Mrs. Foy and Ms. Wright. On a Tuesday, Mrs. Foy will take on the role of teacher in the morning and the children will have Mrs. May in the afternoon for Forest School.

I have enjoyed beginning to get to know each member of the class over the last two days, and look forward to meeting you all throughout the year. Please feel free to speak to me when you collect your child at the end of the school day or contact me via Class Dojo. Let's hope this is a year to remember, in all positive ways, and we all enjoy being back as part of the Overstone School community.

Mr Bradman

English

This term in English, the children will be using the book Major Glad, Major Dizzy. Through this text they will:

- Focus on writing narratives.
- Write recount messages.
- Focus on the plural noun suffix of adding s

Maths

This term in Mathematics, the children will:

- Focus on number and place value within 10
- Add and subtract within 10
- Look at 2D shapes
- Develop their knowledge of Place value, working within 20.

History

In History, the children will be making timelines and be looking at who makes up their family. They will also explore some toys from the past.

Science

The Science focus this term is 'Our Senses.' The children will think more about their bodies and how their senses help them explore their world. We shall also look at the changing seasons, revisiting this throughout the year.

Geography

After the half term break, we will be drawing routes around the school and around the village to make our own maps.

PE

This term your child will be having PE on Wednesday. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. You will need to refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list. Please note that leggings are not part of the PE uniform. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather gets colder through the term.

Art

This term we will be looking at self-portraits, with a focus on some portraits by Pablo Picasso.

RE

The children will be learning about Christian baptism and compare some features of Christian festivals with Jewish festivals.

Computing

Throughout the term, we will look at technology around us and developing keyboard skills.

Design Technology

In the second half of the term, we will be thinking about healthy and unhealthy food types, tasting some different foods and, as Christmas approaches, we shall think about celebration foods.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Tuesday with Mrs May and Ms Wright. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

Trips

We are hoping to take an educational visit to Wing Church this term. More information will follow.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term we expect all of the following homework to be done daily:

Reading – Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly and to use the questions in the back of the book to develop your child's comprehension. These books need to come back into school each day and will be changed once your child has read the book at least three times. Please record each time you have read with your child in their reading record. Your child will also bring home a library book for you to share together. These need to be in school on a Friday as this is when we will change them. We have spent a lot of money over the last few years on books so please take care of them and encourage your child to do the same. If you find you have any school reading books at home then please send them in with your child.

Spellings – On a Monday your child's spelling list will be uploaded onto Class Dojo. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Monday. At the meet the teacher meeting I will go through the best way to help your child to learn these words.

Maths – In order for your child to have a sound knowledge of basic maths concepts that they can apply to lots of maths areas, each Monday I will upload a number focus onto Class Dojo. This could be practising counting, recall of number bonds or rehearsing multiplication tables. The children will then share what they have learnt in a challenge the following Monday.

Website and Newsletter – <http://www.overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk>

Remember to check the 'Latest News' on the school website to keep up to date with what is happening. The school newsletter will come out on the last Friday of the month and will celebrate what we have been up to and will tell you what is coming up in the next month. This will be sent to you via Parent Mail.

Behaviour & Rewards

Dojo points – These are given to children demonstrating the school values, e.g. sharing a good piece of work or demonstrating good manners. The children will receive certificates to mark 50-point milestones in the celebration assembly.

Sharing outside achievements – children will be able to share achievements from outside school in celebration assembly, e.g. swimming badges.

Weekly certificate – one child in each class will receive a values certificate in celebration assembly for showing the school values.

Governor award – Termly the class will hold a secret vote for one person in their class who they feel has consistently demonstrated the school values. These children will be presented with a Governor badge to be worn on their uniform.

Headteacher postcard – these are awarded to children when they are sent to the headteacher for demonstrating good behaviour, completing good work and for clear evidence of showing the school values.

Equipment

Please send your child in each day with a clear named drinks bottle filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. Your child does not need any specific stationary, equipment or a pencil case for their lessons as we will provide pencils etc. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.